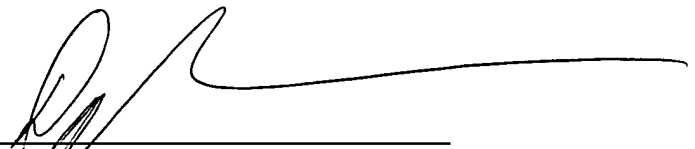


REMARKS

Claims 1-55 are pending in this application. By this Amendment, claims 5-7, 9, 14, 17, 21-23, 28, 30-31, 33, 43, 45-46, and 50 are amended to correct the multiple dependencies thereof and to place this application into better condition for examination. No new matter has been added.

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22. (Amended) The device according to [any of the claims from 17 to 20] claim
17, wherein the casing is covered by a cap made of a suitable material.

23. (Amended) The device according to [any of the claims from 17 to 20] claim 17, wherein the casing (16) and the cover (12) are integral, forming a single body.

28. (Amended) The device according to [any of the claims from 24 to 27] claim 24, wherein the casing (16) incorporates at least one insert (31) made of a suitable material.

30. (Amended) The device according to [any of the claims from 24 to 28] claim 24, wherein the casing (16) is covered by a cap (34) made of a suitable material.

31. (Amended) The device according to [any of the claims from 24 to 30] claim 24, wherein at least the casing (16) of the punch is made from a material with deformability which varies according to the direction of deformation, the differential constriction means being made of the same material as the casing.

33. (Amended) The device according to [any of the claims from 24 to 32] claim 24, wherein the casing has a plurality of projections which can be attached to a plurality of windows.

43. (Amended) The device according to claim 40 [or 41], wherein the cage or case is made of an antifriction material.

45. (Amended) The device according to [any of the claims from 34 to 44] claim 34, wherein the cage or case is housed in the seat.

46. (Amended) The device according to [any of the claims from 34 to 45] claim 34, wherein the seat has a variable cross-section, there being a cover with correspondingly variable cross-section housed in the seat.

50. (Amended) The device according to [any of the claims from 2 to 23] claim 2, wherein the actuator means comprise a delivery pipe which communicates with the

cover internal cavity; and pressurized fluid substance generator means connected to the delivery pipe.

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